

REMARKS

The office action of November 13, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-5 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Hall.

Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Kolling.

Finally, it is noted that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and claim 12 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and to be in independent form.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1 and 12, and added claim 15.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file

particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references, both Hall and Kolling were discussed at length in the last filed amendment, the following additional comments are provided.

Hall does not teach a manual grinding tool that acts as a single material removing tool. Hall also does not teach an elongate housing having a housing extension that extends at a right angle to a longitudinal axis of the housing, wherein a shaft of the grinding head is mounted at a right angle to the longitudinal axis of the housing. Still further, Hall does not

teach a guide device that is connected to the housing extension, as in the presently claimed invention.

Kolling also does not teach an elongate housing having a housing extension that extends at a right angle to a longitudinal axis of the housing, wherein a shaft of the grinding head is mounted at a right angle to the longitudinal axis of the housing. Still further, Kolling does not teach a guide device that is connected to the housing extension, as in the presently claimed invention.

The references do not teach or relate to a tool for use with large workpieces, as is disclosed in the present application. The distinction between a device for sharpening a veneer lathe knife or a clipper knife as taught by Hall, or a device for sharpening lawn mower blades as taught by Kolling and a manual grinding tool for working workpieces of different size, thickness and shape is so great that it would not be obvious to one skilled in the art of grinding tools as in the present invention would find any practical suggestions from the teachings of the references. One skilled in the art would not find it obvious to transfer the guide device of Hall or Kolling to a known grinding tool. Further, it would not be obvious to connect the guide device to

an extension of the housing, as in the present invention.


Therefore, neither Hall nor Kolling teach the invention recited in the claims presently on filed.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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